

Britain Yearly Meeting 2013

Children's Programme for 0 to 11 year olds



Adult volunteer role

The aim of the Yearly Meeting Children's Programme is to offer an exciting and challenging weekend based on the Yearly Meeting agenda that offers the chance to be creative, have fun, play games, explore big questions and worship. The programmes are part of the rest of Yearly Meeting - this includes joining together for some sessions. It is an opportunity for children to connect with and engage in the national Quaker community.

BYM 2013 Children's Programme will run as follows:

A daily programme based in Friends House. This will run from 15 minutes before to 15 minutes after each YM session, Saturday to Monday. Children are booked on per session.

The Children's Programme will probably be made up of three distinct programmes. How these will be split will depend on final numbers and age ranges, but it is intended to have a programme for 0 to 4 years, for 4 to 8 years and for 8 to 11 years. It is intended for each of these age groups to have a team of three adult volunteers (probably more in the youngest programme) and a Key Facilitator. The older two programmes will have smaller groups sorted by age and each volunteer will be responsible for working with a small group. There may be times when the two older programmes will come together. If numbers are large in the younger programme this will be divided into two groups by age. Parents / carers will be able to stay with the children in the younger programmes if this is necessary.

The adult volunteer Role is key to the effective running of the event and includes the following:

Facilitation: Adult volunteers will work alongside staff to plan and organise the programme. Adult volunteers will share leading and running sessions using a variety of age-appropriate approaches and methods.

Development: Adult volunteers should work to encourage the spiritual and personal growth of children in a variety of ways that are age appropriate and child centred through the planned programme and the interactions within it.

Pastoral Care: Adult volunteers should seek to provide participants with pastoral care. This is done by building relationships which model Quaker values and appropriate inclusive behaviour in line with BYM's Event and Activity Management policy.

The Children's Programme team comprises:

Adult volunteers: After a process of application up to 13 individuals (depending on the numbers of children) will be invited to join the Children's Programme team. Some others will be asked if they are willing to be reserves (to be contacted if the number of children booked increases or a team member is unable to participate).

Key Facilitators: For each age group one adult volunteer will be the Key Facilitator. Key Facilitators work in a collaborative way with other volunteer team members, liaising with staff, having an overview of the programme and co-ordinating the age group team.

Staff: Chris Nickolay will have responsibility for oversight and co-ordination of the programme and will support the Children's Programme team in preparing for and running the event.

Commitments required: Attendance at the planning event is crucial and therefore required.

Children's Programme planning weekend: 16 to 17 March 2013 Felden Lodge, Hemel Hempstead. This takes place from Saturday morning until early afternoon on Sunday. Accommodation is provided. If necessary accommodation can be provided for the Friday night. Some individual planning and preparation will be required after the weekend and before the event. Key Facilitators need to be there from the Friday evening and have a further meeting on April 5 in Friends House, London – see separate role description.

Britain Yearly Meeting: 24 to 27 May in Friends House, London. Team members need to arrive on the Friday evening in order to be set up and ready. The final session finishes mid afternoon on the Monday. **All expenses** for adult volunteers, including accommodation in London, travel and food are reimbursed.
